

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Mount Misery Inventory Number: T-207

Address: 23946 Mount Misery Road

Owner: Malcolm and Stacy Ringel

Tax Parcel Number: 169 Tax Map Number: 31

Project: St. Michaels Parkway Agency: SHA

Site visit by John Milner Associates, Inc. Staff: ☐ no ☒ yes Name Rachel Mancini

Date October 20, 1998

Eligibility recommended ☐

Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: (provide name of Report) Cultural Resources Investigation: MD 33 St. Michaels Bypass, Talbot County, Maryland.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Mount Misery was originally surveyed by Michael Bourne of the Maryland Historical Trust in 1977. For additional information please reference this original survey form (T-207). According to Malcolm Ringel, the current owner of Mount Misery, few changes have been made to the exterior of the dwelling since he purchased the house in 1995¹. Most notable is the re-roofing of the main block and kitchen with wooden shingles during the summer of 1998.

The property is an irregularly shaped parcel, and the house is offset from the road by a gravel drive lined with trees, obscuring its view. A 1954 kitchen renovation is noted in Mr. Bourne's form. A breezeway, garage, and stable may also have been added at this time, but these buildings are not identified in the 1977 survey form.

The one-and-one-half-story kitchen addition extends from the north elevation of the main block. A breezeway connects the kitchen and a two car garage. A salt-box roof covers living space on the second story of the garage. Connected to the north of the garage is a one-story, three bay stable and guest room. A sunroom and arbor on the west elevation of the kitchen addition appear to have replaced an earlier enclosed shed roofed addition. Adjacent to the south elevation of the main block is an in-ground swimming pool. A garden house/pool house "connects" the pool area to an enclosed garden. This small building has entrances on both its pool and garden elevations. Several modern columnar structures, functioning as gazebos and arbors, are located throughout the property. A sunken volleyball court is southwest of the house. No interior access to the house was permitted; however, Mr. Ringel reviewed the 1977 MHT form and did not see any discrepancies.

¹ Rachel Mancini, personal communication with Malcolm Ringel, 23946 Mount Misery Road, St. Michaels vicinity, Talbot County, MD, October 20, 1998.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Mount Misery
Talbot County, Maryland

Although the house is well kept, there have been many alterations to the property during the second half of the twentieth century. The additions of a kitchen, garage, stable, and guest house attached to the main house by a breezeway, have significantly altered the form of the house. The original parcel of Mt. Misery has been subdivided, and the setting is infringed upon by several neighboring properties. The in-ground swimming pool and modern arbors also detract from the historic association of the house. The integrity of Mount Misery (especially design, setting, feeling, and association) has been compromised by the amount of new construction and property subdivision. For these reasons Mount Misery is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

Prepared by: Rachel Mancini

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Comments:

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR program

4/20/99
Date

5/19/99
Date

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Capsule Summary

Survey No.: T-207

Name: Mount Misery

Construction Date: ca. 1804

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

Summary Description:

Mount Misery is a two-story, three bay house with a hall and parlor plan and interior chimneys at either end. A kitchen addition has been added to the north end of the main block. A breezeway connects a garage and stable to the northwest corner of the kitchen addition. Modern additions include a garden/pool house, garden, and in-ground swimming pool.

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County: Talbot

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Surveyed by:

Rachel Mancini
John Milner Associates, Inc.
Alexandria, VA 22312
October 20, 1998

10. Geographical Data**Verbal boundary description and justification**

The parcel of land originally consisting of Mount Misery been subdivided through the years. The agricultural fields surrounding the main house are no longer part of the parcel. The lot adjacent to the house have been developed. The lot Mount Misery is on had also had several modifications such as a swimming pool and large addition on the north elevation. For these reasons, the significant portion of Mount Misery has been determined to be only the footprint of the main block. However, the setting of the property includes all that acreage that is part of the entire tax parcel (Map 31, parcel 169). Therefore, the acreage of the verbal boundary is, an undetermined, smaller portion of the entire 4.42 acres consisting of the Mount Misery property. See attached maps.

Continuation Sheet

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County: Talbot

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Rural Agrarian Intensification (AD 1680-1815)

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture; Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

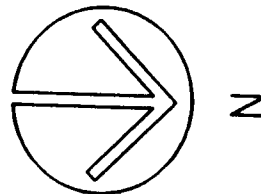
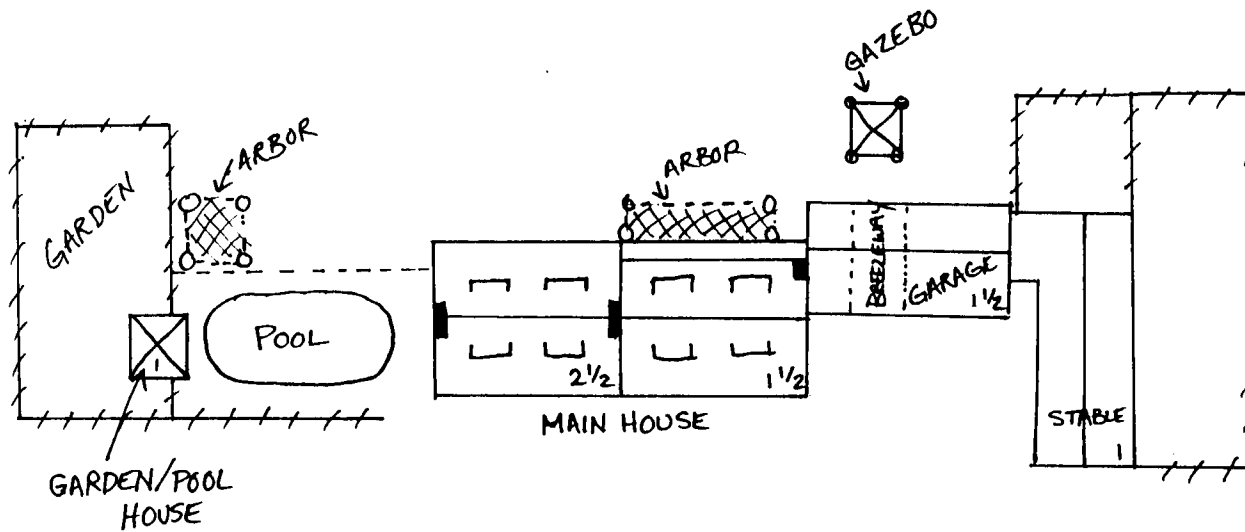
Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Known Design Source: none

SUNKEN
VOLLEYBALL
COURT

ROLLES CREEK
(BROAD CREEK)



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Mount Misery
St. Michaels, MD
SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

drawn by: Rachel Mancini
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October 1998

124587.4mN
465863.8mE

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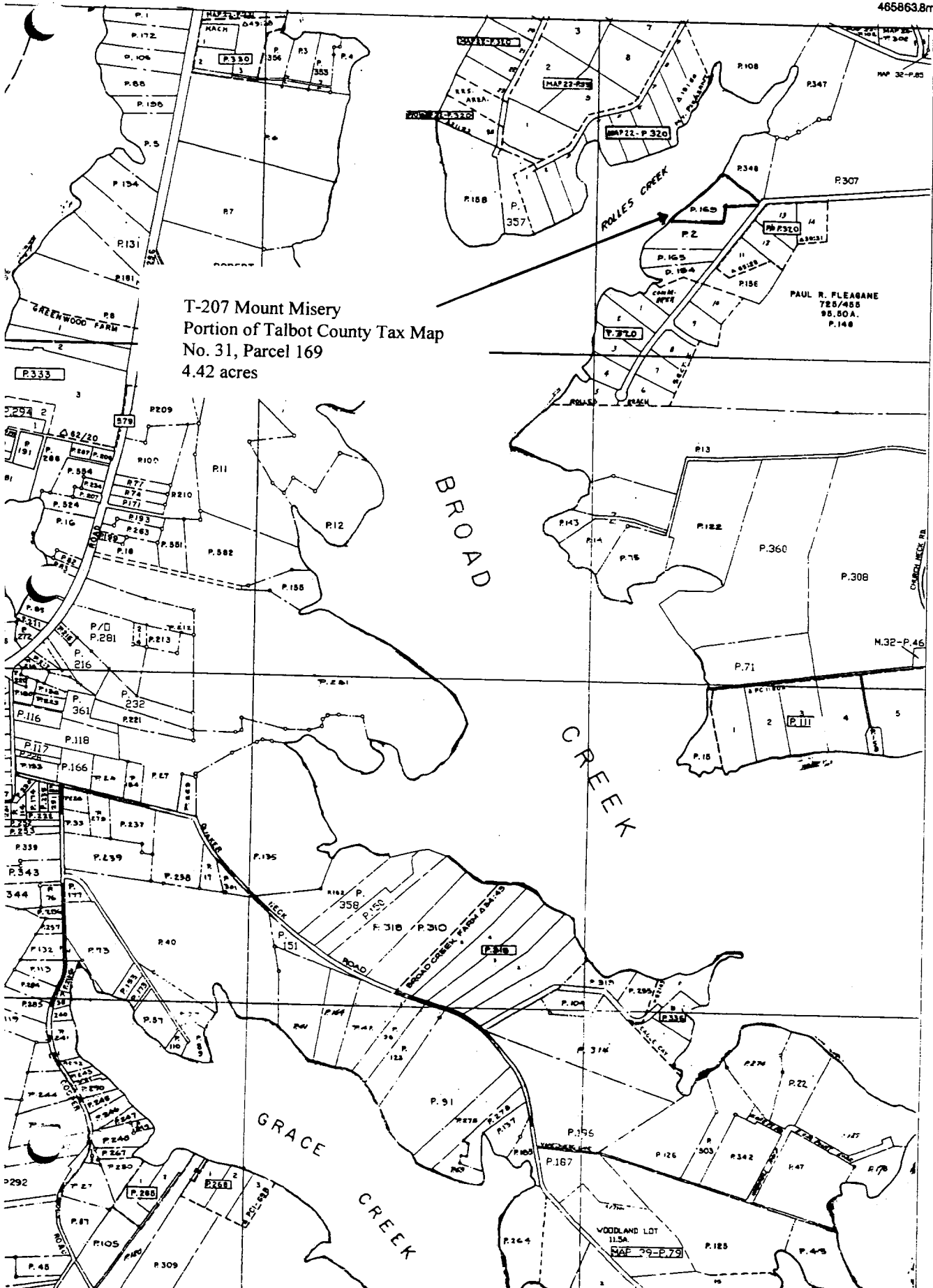
T-207 Mount Misery
Portion of Talbot County Tax Map
No. 31, Parcel 169
4.42 acres

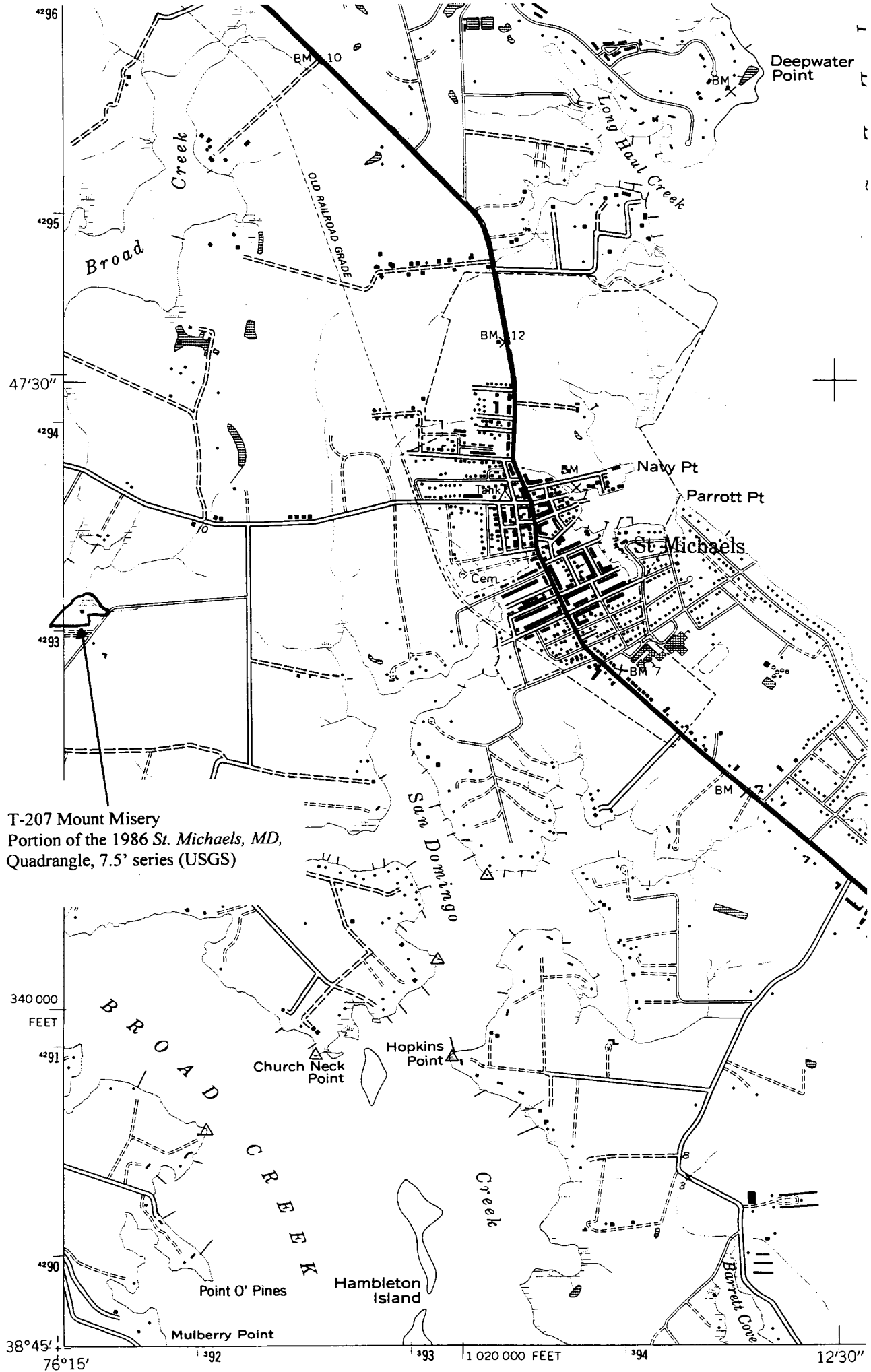
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Mount Misery

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Mancini

October 20, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

Main House, East Facade

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Mt. Misery

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Mancini

October 20, 1998

regs → MD SHPO

PHOTO: 11/10/98, 11/10/98, 11/10/98
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Main House, East elevation
close up

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Main House North elevation

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Mt. Misery

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Garage: east elevation

Stable: south elevation

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neg's - MD SHPO

stable east elevation

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neg's → MD SHPO

Stable, North elevation

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Garage, west elevation

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neg's - MD SHPO

Main House, west elevation

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October 20, 1998

neg's → MO SHPO

Main House, south elevation

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St. Michaels Talbot Co, MD

Rachel Mancini

October 20, 1993

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Main house, east facade

closeup of window

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Nt. Misery
St. Michaels, Talbot Co, MD

Rachel Mancini

October 20, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

Garden looking South

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Mt. Misery

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Marcin

October 20, 1998

neg's → MC SHPO

Garden/Pool House, looking NE

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Mt. Misery

St. Michaels, Talbot Co, MD

Rachel Mancini

October 20, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

Garden/Pool House, looking South

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Mt. Misery

St. Michaels, Talbot Co, MD

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neg's → MD SHPO

Pool, looking NE

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Mt. Misery

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Mancini

October 20, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

Looking west from house

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Mt. Misery

St. Michaels Talbot Co. MD

Rachel Mancini

October 20, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

Volleyball court, looking SW

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mount Misery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Church Neck Rd., 1 mile west of Rt. 33 (west to house)

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Manley Jenkins

Telephone #:(301) 745-9041

STREET & NUMBER

Mount Misery

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21663

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 473

Folio #: 623

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Edward Covey bought this property in 1804 at a bankrupt sale. He probably built the brick house which now stands there. The two story, three bay house has a hall and parlor floor plan and an interior chimney at either end.

The south room has a door and 6/9 window in its east and west sides, while north room is lit by a 6/9 sash window in each of these walls. A door in the north wall leads into the modern replacement of the original brick kitchen.

On the west side of each fireplace a winding enclosed stair leads to the second floor. Between each chimney and stair stands a narrow closet. The upper and lower closet doors each contain two vertical panels. There are chair rails in both rooms. Simple but attractive mantels adorn each fireplace. The most common moldings include a cavetto and astragal and a cyma recta and astragal.

The east wall is built in a Flemish bond while the other three are 5:1 common bond. Jack arches are located above the windows and doors. A one story porch once ran along the northern two-thirds of the west side. On the second floor there are two 6/6 sash windows on the west side and three on the east side. The north and south gable ends each have two four-pane windows in the attic. There are two 6/6 sash dormer windows on each of the gable roof slopes.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mt. Misery is a well built early nineteenth century brick farm house comparable to Katlings Plain and others in Talbot County. It is curious that the "hall and parlor" plan was still in use into the 19th century. Its restoration undertaken by H. Chandlee Forman was well executed and the best features of the building have been preserved or reproduced.

Edward Covey reportedly replaced a frame house with the present brick house when he bought the property in 1804. It is said that he retained the brick kitchen from the earlier house, but this kitchen was rebuilt in the 1954 renovation of Mt. Misery.

On January 1, 1834 Frederick Douglas, the great abolitionist, was sent as a slave to an Edward Covey, known as the "slavebreaker" to be "broken."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, H.C., Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens,
Architectural Book Publishing Co., Inc., 1956, pp. 74, 75, 86, 195.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant, & Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Lake, Griffling & Stevenson, 1877

Mount Hinery

Owned by Reverend William M. Poissal, 1877



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Dist. No 2
TALBOT CO.



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